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PENTAGON, CIA BEHIND EVENTS IN BOLIVIA

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(Summary) The recent events in Bolivia confirm that the Pentagon as well as CIA are involved. The 'gringo' trail leads from the U.S. Embassy to the residence of the leaders of the plot against the government and of the extreme rightwing leader, Rene Barrientos.

Proof of the direct interference in the tragic events in Bolivia is the fact that a new shipment of arms for the mutineers was organized by the U.S. vice consul in La Paz, closely connected with the CIA. A few days ago he accompanied a Bolivian plane loaded with U.S. arms for the Barrientos' mutineers. The plane was stopped in Arequipa, Peru. Well-informed political circles of La Paz consider that many people in Washington are interested in replacing Paz Estenssoro by one of their own men, General Barrientos, whose old connections with the Pentagon and CIA are well known.

Washington is worried because the policy of Paz Estenssoro is a failure and has provoked an increasing wave of indignation among the Bolivian workers. The U.S. agents in Bolivia were counting on making use of the recent events in La Paz to liquidate the national liberation movement, the workers' actions, and all those who struggle for the democratization of the country and to improve the living standard.

The CIA planned to have the Paz Estenssoro government and the extreme rightwing and Barrientos "gorillas" strike a blow against the miners, the students, and other progressive forces. After this, the rightwing would oust Paz Estenssoro and set up a military junta.

The antidemocratic and anti-popular policy of Paz Estenssoro has opened the road to the "gorillas" of Barrientos. The ultra-rightwing plot in Bolivia is inspired by the CIA. Such is the opinion of objective observers in La Paz, and we cannot fail to agree with them."